



# 2007 Annual Report

*Court Appointed Special Advocates*

*Serving Jefferson, Oldham, Henry, Trimble, Shelby & Spencer Counties*

## 2007 Special Events

### *Embrace a Child Luncheon*

For the second year, over 150 people gathered at the Olmsted for breakfast on February 22, 2007. People were encour-



aged to donate \$1000 to help sponsor a child through the year. Because of the generosity of so many people in our community, CASA was able to recruit and train more volunteer advocates for children.

### *St. James Art Show Preview Party*

The Sixth Annual St. James Art Show Preview Party was a huge success. This was the first year the event took place at the newly renovated Henry Clay.

### *Mercedes Raffle*

The sixth annual Tafel Motors Mercedes raffle was a huge success! Over 2100 tickets



were sold at \$100 apiece. This raised over \$200,00 for CASA. For the first time, the car winner was a CASA Volunteer. Judy Huelsman opted for the \$50,000 which she took to Tafel and bought two Mercedes, one for her and one for her husband.

This raffle is made possible through the generosity of Dave Peterson and Chester Gray of Tafel Motors. Many thanks go to the event co-chairs, Steve Bass and Eric Lehmann for their hard work.

### *Middleton Reutlinger*

For the third year the Middleton Reutlinger Law firm included CASA staff and volunteers at their annual family picnic held at the Gibson Jones Farm. Many CASA volunteers brought their CASA children who experienced their first horse ride. We are grateful to Jim Milliman and Charlie Middleton for making this day possible.

Middleton Reutlinger also sponsored the CASA Holiday Card sales with A generous grant. Each year CASA selects drawings by local school children that become holiday cards. These are sold throughout the community during the holidays.

## *What's It All About?*

According to KRS 620.100, "The court may, in the interest of justice, appoint a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer to represent the best interests of the child." The CASA volunteer is appointed for the purpose of providing an independent, efficient, and thorough representation for children who enter the court system as a result of dependency, abuse, and neglect.

### *Wanted: More CASAs*

In 2007 CASA utilized 183 volunteers who advocated for 476 abused and neglected children in the court system. Yet, there were over 3,000 children that appeared in the family court system, many of whom would benefit from the services of a CASA volunteer.



### *Valuable Volunteers*

In 2007 CASA volunteers contributed over 21,000 hours of service. These volunteers completed one of four 30 hour pre-service trainings. They devote an average of 2 to 4 hours a week. At the rate of \$19.50, the value of a volunteer determined by The Points of Light Foundation, these hours represent an estimated service to the community exceeding \$400,000.



### *Our Mission*

The mission of CASA is to provide trained volunteer advocates who are committed to work on behalf of all abused and neglected children involved in the court system. CASA volunteer provide a constant source of information to the court and undertake any and all activities for the promotion of these children's health, safety, and welfare until a permanent disposition is made. Our vision is to provide a CASA volunteer for every child that needs one.

### *Why CASA?*

Every day in Louisville, children are abused and neglected. Last year over 3,000 children appeared in family court due to allegations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. In many cases, these children must be removed from their homes. Often they are caught in an overburdened social service system. Children can and do get lost in the system but a CASA volunteer can help prevent this from happening.

# 2007 Service Statistics

Target Population—abused and neglected children in the family court system in the Kentucky Counties of Jefferson County, Henry, Oldham, & Trimble (HOT) Counties, Shelby and Spencer Counties.

Children Served: 476 CASA Volunteers: 183 Families Served: 165

These numbers include 24 volunteers serving 75 children in the HOT Counties.

<b>Number of New Volunteers Trained 55</b>
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**In 2007 - Number of New Children Served: 88**

**Gender Demographics**

Female 51%

Male 49%

**Racial Demographics**

White 43%

Black 31%

Latino 2%

Multi-Racial 7%

All other 17%

Average age of child: 9 years old

Children with Special Needs 19%

Average time involved with Court: 21 months

Average number of moves while in placement: 2

**Original Petition for Court Involvement  
Allegations By Percentage of Children Served**

2% Dependency 45% Neglect

11% Domestic Violence

12% Educational Neglect

1% Medical Neglect

20% Physical Abuse 2% Sexual Abuse

% Other



**Reasons for Case Closing**

11% Adopted

21% Case Removed from Docket

3% Child turned 18 (or 21)

8% Family Moved

31% Placed with Legal Guardian

15% Returned to Family

11% Volunteer unable to Continue

Average time child is involved with CASA 18 months

Average hours per month donated by a CASA volunteer 15

Average miles driven by a CASA volunteer per month 102

Average number of children supervised by each volunteer 3.5

Total number of Court Appearances by CASA volunteers 249

**Statements of Financial Position**

**As of December 31**

**ASSETS**

	2007	2006
Cash & cash equivalents	\$587,690	\$552,650
Grants & accounts receivable	5,015	9,037
Inventory	2,849	3,010
Prepaid expenses	3,150	5,163
Equipment, net	<u>2,883</u>	<u>4,393</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$601,587</u></b>	<b><u>\$574,253</u></b>



## LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

### Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 6,958	\$ 2,752
Accrued expenses	<u>290</u>	<u>246</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,248</u>	<u>2,998</u>

### Net assets

Unrestricted	594,339	561,255
Temporarily restricted	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total net assets	<u>594,339</u>	<u>571,255</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$601,587</u>	<u>\$574,253</u>



## Statements of Activities

### CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Public support and revenue		
Government grants	\$ 14,733	\$ 11,400
Corporate	41,300	33,100
Organizations	13,536	5,329
Foundations and trusts	35,200	46,773
Individual contributions	98,747	65,681
Investment income	20,650	19,766
Special events and other	360,776	369,163
Special events and other direct expenses	(115,029)	(136,807)
Donated facilities, goods and services	<u>31,260</u>	<u>36,010</u>
Total public support and revenue	501,173	450,415
Net assets released from restrictions		
Satisfaction of restrictions	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total public support, revenue & reclassifications	<u>511,173</u>	<u>0</u>
Expenses		
Program services	335,014	308,644
Management and general	41,538	45,545
Fund development	<u>81,537</u>	<u>69,661</u>
Total expenses	<u>478,089</u>	<u>423,850</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>33,084</u>	<u>26,565</u>

### CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions and grants	0	10,000
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	(10,000)	10,000
Increase in net assets	23,084	36,565
Net assets at beginning of year	571,255	534,690
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$594,339</u>	<u>\$571,255</u>



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## *CASA of Jefferson County Expands*

After 20 years of serving children in Jefferson County, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to expand services into Henry, Oldham and Trimble counties. The process began in 2004 and by 2006, there were volunteers actually serving children in these counties. In January 2008, another milestone was reached. After replicating the process for Henry, Oldham and Trimble Counties, the program was expanded to include Shelby and Spencer Counties. The success of these expansion efforts would not be possible without active advisory councils and dedicated community volunteers. We now have an office located in the Farm Bureau building in Oldham County, which handles all volunteers in the

Henry, Oldham and Trimble Counties area. There is also an office in Shelbyville, located in the basement of the Bowersox Vision Center. This office supervises all of the volunteers in Shelby and Spencer Counties. As we look toward the future, we will be determining how to help more children in these counties have the benefit of a CASA volunteer, while continuing to increase our efforts to serve more of the children who need an advocate in Jefferson County. We feel fortunate to have strong judicial and community service, to help as we continue to recruit volunteers to be a powerful voice for abused and neglected children in family court!



**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL  
EXPENSES CASA INC.  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND 2006**

2007

	Total	Program Services	Management and General	Fund Development
Salaries	\$283,051	\$215,227	\$19,896	\$47,928
Payroll taxes	22,587	17,175	1,588	3,824
Retirement benefits	19,677	14,962	1,383	3,332
Other employee benefits	26,898	20,453	1,891	4,554
Postage and office expense	14,954	11,371	1,051	2,532
Printing	14,255	7,111	343	6,801
Volunteers and training	17,956	17,956	0	0
Insurance	4,882	3,712	343	827
Accounting and bookkeeping	11,630	0	11,630	0
Travel and meetings	2,882	2,882	0	0
Holiday giving families	1,000	1,000	0	0
Public relations and fundraising	18,992	11,766	1,088	6,138
Advertising	169	128	12	29
Dues and publications	876	666	62	148
Licenses and permits	1,819	1,383	128	308
Miscellaneous	3,691	2,807	259	625
Depreciation	1,510	1,148	106	256
Donated facilities, goods and services	<u>31,260</u>	<u>25,267</u>	<u>1,758</u>	<u>4,235</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>\$478,089</u></b>	<b><u>\$355,014</u></b>	<b><u>\$41,538</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,537</u></b>





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	2006			
	Total	Program Services	Management and General	Fund Development
Salaries	\$247,534	\$181,641	\$21,840	\$44,062
Payroll taxes	23,683	17,378	2,089	4,216
Retirement benefits	15,849	11,630	1,398	2,821
Other employee benefits	21,368	15,679	1,886	3,803
Postage and office expense	13,759	10,096	1,214	2,449
Printing	6,538	4,797	577	1,164
Volunteers and training	16,355	16,355	0	0
Insurance	3,898	2,860	344	694
Accounting and bookkeeping	11,914	0	11,914	0
Travel and meetings	5,279	5,279	0	0
Holiday giving families	1,052	1,052	0	0
Public relations and fundraising	15,040	9,708	1,167	4,165
Advertising	0	0	0	0
Dues and publications	805	591	71	143
Licenses and permits	1,105	811	97	197
Miscellaneous	2,343	1,719	207	417
Depreciation	1,309	961	115	233
Donated facilities, goods and Services	<u>36,010</u>	<u>28,087</u>	<u>2,626</u>	<u>5,297</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u><u>\$423,850</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$308,644</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$45,545</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$69,661</u></u></b>

